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President's Report

Hi all... spring is now well on its way, with an early start to daylight saving this year. Lets all hope that summer is just as good!

Recently members of the branch have attended two AREC related events (see separate reports on both). Thanks to those that attended and for giving up their time to do so.

One of the most important items to take out of these two events is how we can as amateurs provide assistance to the community. Previously as amateurs we may have operated separately and together with Civil Defence, the local City Council and the like. The new approach is work more closely together in a more coordinated way, with the Hutt Valley Emergency Management Office.

Some discussion will have already taken place at the club at the Friday night meetings, so I encourage you to attend these and provide input. Some work is required by all of us to re-establish local contact points with our Civil Defence Sector Posts (e.g. local schools) and to familiarise ourselves with the communications equipment, whether that is radios (CD) or telephone equipment at these sites. Some leg work will be required, and I know that Morrie ZL2ADP our AREC Section Leader has already started on this task. I cannot emphasize enough this point, that we must be ready and able to assist when and where required. This assistance maybe something as simple as operating the local CD radio from your local school, or assisting to repair the same radio equipment to get it operational on the day.

Planning is under way for repeater maintenance up at Mt Climie; please make yourself available for the working bees as the dates and schedule are worked out.

JOTA is on the weekend of 20/21 October 2007 - so far Neil ZL2TNG, Mark ZL2WOL, Tom ZL2HGR and I are down for operators are there any others wishing to be involved?

Kapi Mana Motor Cycle Club also has a day's event on 21 October 2007, and Morrie will be looking for operators for that day as well.

This weekend is also Labour Weekend, plus the finals of the World Cup, so I realise the clash of dates is perhaps not the best, but if you are able to give up a day or either event it would be appreciated.

Well that's all from the top, see you all at a Friday meeting and good DX.

73's
Mark, ZL2UFI

HVEMO Presentation

Hi All,

As a result of our attendance at the recent invitation to the HVEMO on Monday 10 September 2007, a discussion was held last Friday night at the clubrooms with those that couldn't attend.

A number of questions were asked about the Monday nights visit to HVEMO.

In order that all these questions can be answered, and rather than me trying to answer everyone, I have set-up a meeting between Branch 63 members and HVEMO Officers.

This presentation on where we fit into the Emergency Management of Upper Hutt will take place at the Upper Hutt Emergency Operations Centre in the Council Chambers.

Date - Friday 12 October 2007

Location: Upper Hutt EOC

Time is 7.30 - 9.00 pm - start at 7.30 pm.

There will be no club meeting at 7.30 pm on the Friday - we may adjourn after the meeting to the clubrooms.

HVEMO - Hutt Valley Emergency Management Office

Mark ZL2UFI

CQ100

Have a look at <http://qsonet.com> which describes a system of HF operating over the internet.

CQ100 was first introduced in February 2007 and provides streaming voip audio between stations. No transceiver is required, just a PC fitted with microphone and speakers. The system is free for 90 days with a subscription of US\$32 per annum after that. Only licensed amateurs may apply. Full details are revealed on the above website by clicking on the English button for the 17 page set of instructions. Work 80 40 20 15 and the 10 meter bands on voice or cw.

Morrie ZL2ADP

Amateur Radio on Youtube

Those of you with a broadband internet connection, and a few minutes to waste might enjoy the following youtube videos...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKd5hupXJVo> An excerpt from a US television sitcom about how hams are threatening TV reception.

And on a more serious note, check out the K3LR contesting station!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wIXu7Q3h8RI> Part One

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jo2mCNJdvdK> Part Two

Sean, ZL2SC

Don't forget: Club Net every Tuesday evening on 3.645MHz at 0800UTC

AREC

On Saturday 8th September six members of Branch 63 attended the **ZL2 Area AREC Training Day** held at Camp Kaitoke.

The updated Training Manual was issued to all those present and the topics covered were mainly of a SAREX nature including descriptions and demonstrations of up to the minute equipment being used for communications.

Some 50 members of AREC attended from all over the Wellington province with Branch 63 providing a mobile talk in station via Climie 730 for those requiring early morning directions to the venue.

The members from Branch 63 were Gavin ZL2ACT, Mark ZL2UFI, Sean ZL2SC, Chris ZL4CDM, Peter ZL2HM and Morrie ZL2ADP.

Members of Branch 63 and also Branch 18 attended a meeting at the **Hutt Valley Emergency Management Office** in Laings Road Lower Hutt on the evening of Monday 10th September.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the roles of each organisation in an emergency and an overview of the communications systems that HVEMO employ was explained by Alan Thompson.

After the meeting we were shown around the facility followed by supper.

Our members who attended were Mark ZL2UFI, Neville ZL2AKV, John ZL2FRG, Chris ZL4CDM, Malcolm ZL2UDF and Morrie ZL2ADP.

Morrie ZL2ADP

VP6TD DX-pedition report

Watch this space... I am sure that Tom will put something together for us when he has settled back into civilization and warmed up a bit.